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Governors Letters.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver July 25th 1862.

Brig Genl Craig

Dear Sir.

I have no troops to protect against Indian depredations and am constantly receiving information from different parts of the Territory of their perpetration.

Can you procure to be stationed here for the protection of Settlements subject to my direction a company of Cavalry, one of Infantry, and a section of Artillery?

If so you will greatly subserve the public interest and perhaps prevent open war.

I have the honor to be

Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col Ter.

Executive Department, Colorado Territory
Denver. Aug 4th 1862.

Genl Blunt
Comdg Dept. Kansas.

Sir,

The Arapahoe and Cheyenne, the Apache, Kiowa, and Comanche, and the Ute Indians on the South and West, and the Sioux Indians on the North, are all acting very badly, and I fear without great prudence and some preparation for defence, we shall have an extensive war with some or all of these Tribes.

I am very desirous that the Colorado Troops may be detailed for the Indian Service in the Territory, or as many of them as can be spared from New Mexico and that they be placed in command of Col Chivington, or if this be not practicable, then in command of Col Leavenworth.

My particular reason for this request is that in the management of the Indian affairs of the Territory, I may have a commander with full authority in whose prudence

and good judgment I can confide. to prevent difficulty with these very extensive tribes

For efficiency in the Indian service a considerable part of the forces must be mounted

Col Chivington by whom I send this is well acquainted with the wants of the service from long residence and extensive acquaintance in the Territory.

He can therefore, as he will present it in person, give you more in detail, the condition and wants of the service, as well as the dangers of hostilities from Indians in Colorado Territory. I trust you will make the Territory a separate division of your Department as the only danger, excepting at Fort Lyon, is from Indians, and I desire that the service shall be in harmony with my Superintendency

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. & Ex officio, Supt Ind. Affairs Col Ter

Executive Department. Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 4th 1862.

Hon E. M. Stanton.
Secty of War

Sir

The threatening aspect of Indian Affairs in this Territory, make it a matter of much importance, that we have for the service in Colorado, at least, one of our own regiments of Volunteers. We need to keep a garrison at Fort Lyon, and Garland, where there are already troops, and to place a force at Camp Weld, and to establish temporary Camps at or near the base of the Mountains on the Arkansas, and in the Middle Park.

I trust this Territory may be put in command of Col Chivington, or Leavenworth, as I desire one in whose prudence I can have confidence, to avert the calamity of an Indian war.

Your obdt servt
Jno Evans
Gov. & Ex Officio Supt Indian Affairs
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 6th 1862

Hon. H. P. Dole
Comm. Ind. Affairs
Sir

I herewith transmit the quarterly report of S. Head, Agent of the Tabeguache Utah Indians.

By his account he appears to be largely a creditor of the Government. A circumstance arising under instructions from my predecessor.

I have instructed him to only incur expenses in the future as the means were placed in his hands for the purpose, which I have no doubt he will comply with strictly.

I trust his accounts prior to my taking charge of the Office may be speedily adjusted as the Office in Washington, as I find no books or papers of any kind relating thereto in the Office here.

I shall collect for my annual report all the facts of importance relating to the various bands of Utah Indians that I can procure. I will thank you for any suggestions or directions you may see proper to send. I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully
Your obd't servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter & Ex Off.
Supt Indian Affairs.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 6th 1862.

Hon. H. P Dole.
Comm'r Ind Affairs.
Sir

I herewith transmit report of Capt Colley Agent for Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians.

I cordially recomend the approval of his suggestions for furnishing Stock to the Indians. It is a choice grazing country where they are to be located and they readily learn to take care of cattle and

sheep. They keep large droves of ponies in good condition. By this means the Indians of the plains may all readily be taught to procure a livelihood for themselves.

As to the "plains" I spoke of in my last they are in general terms indicated in Capt Colley's report.

I shall recommend the establishment of a common point for the agency of the two tribes, and a school for the children that shall take them away from, yes entirely out from under their parental influences.

If we civilize them it must be by suspending the wild influences of their aboriginal state and condition, in their children.

I hope "the survey" may be made at an early day, as "the plan" cannot well be matured before hand

Very respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Colo. Ter & Ex Off Supt Ind Affairs.

Executive Department, Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 6th 1862.

Hon. W. P. Dole
Comm. Indian Affairs.

Sir,

Your letter of the 9th of last month has just been re-examined. I observe you mistook my suggestion as to the Arapahoe and Cheyenne Indians being required to "concentrate" on their reservations.

This was not the point, but that the Treaty requires all of them to report themselves there by the 5th of December next, under forfeiture of their rights under it. This I suppose to be for the purpose of concentrating their numbers, and enabling the Agent to make out an adjustment of their rights individually under the treaty. It would seem to be important that they be notified of this as provided for by the 6th article of the treaty. A reference to this will fully explain the matter, and suggest the action required, or a the authority to be given to Capt Colley for the purpo

I have held council with several disaffected Ca

of the Arapahoes, constituting nearly half of the tribe, and by explaining the treaty to them endeavored to get their assent to it. They deny having had any part in it, and are dissatisfied &c. I hope Capt Colley may get them to accept under it at the time of his payment

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter & Ex. Off. Supt. Ind. Affairs.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Denver Aug 7th 1862.

Hon. Dr. L. Dole
Comr. Indian Affairs
Sir

I am inquired of by Mr Head Agent for the Utah Indians, whether goods for his Indians are to be sent as he has requested in a letter dated April 3, 1862.

If on the way please address Mr Head direct of his Agency, as that will save much time over a transmission through the Superintendcy.

I have the honor to be
Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Jno Evans Gov. Col. Ter &
Ex. Officio Supt. Indian Affairs.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 8th 1862.

Hon Edwin. M. Stanton
Sec'ty of War.
Sir.

In the call upon the country for fresh recruits, Colorado has not been appealed to for any aid, doubtless on account of her remoteness.

But our people are ready and willing to serve their country in this her time of need.

We are now filling up our second regiment, which

will probaly be completed by October when, owing to the cessations of mining operations there will be a great many first rate recruits ready to enlist. If desired by the Department I will then raise a third regiment of Colorado Volunteers for the seat of war.

Col Chivington by whom I send this will more fully explain the position of military affairs here.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug. 13th, 1862

Maj A.H. Myers

Sir,

I have not countermanded the order made when you were in Denver, in regard to recruiting. Of course all recruits enlisted in Colorado not for the first Regiment Col. Vols, will be mustered into the second Regiment, and hereafter, the officers will not be commissioned until appointed by Col Leavenworth or myself.

I have the honor to be
Your Obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory,
Denver Aug 16th 1862.

Maj. L. Head

Dear Sir.

I have heard of a train of Indian goods at Ft Larned on its way West about two weeks ago

I have written to Genl Canby to send troops to Ft Garland to attend your payments, when you shall request him to do so by letter giving the proper time.

Our 1st Col. Regt. it is expected will be sent home soon and may be in time to answer your desires.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter & Ex. Officio Supt

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Aug 28th 1862.

Genl. E. R. S. Canby
Commanding Dept.
New Mexico.

Sir,

I am informed that one Capt le Dens has recruited some twenty or thirty men at Buckskin Jon in our Territory, for a New Mexico Regiment. I suppose him to be acting under orders from Major Mayer although he claims authority from yourself.

Before he left for Chicago, Gov Evans called my attention to this Matter and to his order of June 5th to the effect that all such recruits shall be mustered into the Colorado 2d Reg.

The Governor has every disposition to aid you in filling your New Mexico Regiment, but in view of the fact that we are now recruiting for two Regiments of Colorado Volunteers, and under an urgent call from the Governor, have commenced recruiting for a third Regiment, and shall consequently need ourselves all the men we can possibly raise in our Territory.

I hope you may take such action in the premises as will cause the men recruited by Capt le Dens, to be turned over to the 2d Col. Reg.

With great respect
Your obdt Servt
Sam N Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1862

Maj. L. Head
Indian Agent

Sir

Enclosed you will please find copies of letters from Department of the Interior, to the subject matter of which you will please give your early attention and report to me, that I may make my estimates to the Department at Washington,

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and acting Governor of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1862.

Capt Colley
Indian Agent

Sir

Enclosed you will please find copies of letters from Department of the Interior to the subject matter of which, you will please give your early attention and report to me, that I may make my estimates to the Department at Washington

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and acting Governor of Colorado Ter.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 1st 1862,

James B Williams Esq
Sir

Your letter of June 7th has been received
The fee five dollars which you state you enclosed was not in the letter
Enclosed you will find your commission,
Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Saml H Elbert
Secretary and acting Governor of
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 5th, 1862

Brig Genl Craig
Commanding Ft Laramie

Your dispatch by Mr Ewing has been received. I appreciate your difficulties and danger. We are just now answering a call from Government for a third Regiment, this with 500 recruits wanted for the first and second Regiments — being in all 1500 men — is about as much as we can meet. Col Leavenworth is expected tomorrow and I will have a conference with him on the subject. My opinion is that the best and most expeditious course is to mount two or more of his Companies already raised and send you. I will telegraph our conclusions as soon as possible.

I am organizing a mounted company of Militia in each county for home protection against marauding bands of Indians and guerillas.

Respectfully
Saml H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory

Genl Jos. G. Blunt
Commanding Dept of Kansas

Genl

I am of the opinion that the best and most expeditious course to meet the call of Genl Craig as well as the demands of the Entire Country here, is to muster part or all of Col Leavenworth's Regiment.

The Col is expected to morrow and I will confer with him on the subject -

To fill all three of our Regiments 1620 men are wanted immediately, and it is about as much as we can meet at present - I will telegraph you as soon as I see Col Leavenworth.

With great respect Genl I remain
Your obs servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory.
Denver Sept 18th 1862.

Brig Genl Blunt
Commanding Dept Kansas

Sir

I learn that many of our freighters have been detained in Nebraska and Kansas by the operation of orders from the War Department. Our Country is almost entirely supplied from the States with all the necessaries of life, and should this stoppage of our freight trains continue, it will result in great privation and suffering on the part of our people the coming Winter. While I acknowledge the importance and propriety of stopping all who are fleeing from Draft (We don't recruit any such out here) still, I have hope for your co-operation in affording bona fide freighters every facility to supply us with provisions for our people and blasting powder for our mines.

If our supply of powder is cut off, all of our mines must stop and hundreds be thrown out of Employment.

With great Respect, Your obd servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secty & Act. Gov of Colo Ter

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sept 18th 1862

C/o His Excellency
Alvin Saunders
Gov. of Nebraska Territory

Sir

I learn that many of our freighters have been detained in Nebraska and Kansas, by the operation of orders from the War Department. Our Country is almost entirely supplied from the States with all the necessaries of life, and should this stoppage of our freight trains continue, it will result in great privation and suffering on the part of our people the coming Winter. While I acknowledge the importance and propriety of stopping all who are fleeing from Drift (We don't want any such out here) still I have hope for your co-operation in affording bona fide freighters every facility to supply us with provisions for our people, and blasting powder for our mines. If our supply of powder is cut off, all of our mines must stop, and hundreds be thrown out of employment.

We are preparing here as best we may for an Indian War, but I am not apprehensive on the subject. What is your opinion on the subject?

With great respect
Your Obdt Servt
Sam. A. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department Nevada Territory
Carson Sept 20th 1862.

Capt. Wm. Rogers
Indian Agent

Sir

I am informed that the Government has sent a number of guns and a quantity of ammunition for distribution among the tribes in your Agency. From all I can learn of the feeling of the Indians generally toward the Whites, I do not think it prudent to distribute arms and ammunition among them. You will therefore retain possession of such as have been sent you by the Department until further orders.

With great respect
Your obd't Serv't
Jno. H. Nye
Ex. Gov. & Ex Officio
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Executive Department Nevada Territory
Carson Sept 20th 1862.

Capt. H. Heath
Indian Agent

Sir

I am informed that the Government has sent a number of guns and a quantity of ammunition for distribution among the tribes in your Agency. From all I can learn of the feeling of the Indians generally toward the Whites, I do not think it prudent to distribute arms and ammunition among them. You will therefore retain possession of such as have been sent you by the Department until further orders.

With great respect
Your obd't Serv't
Jno. H. Nye
Ex. Gov. & Ex Officio
Superintendent of Indian Affairs.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Sep 30th 1862.

J. B. Jones Esqr.

Sir

Your letter requesting an appointment as a Commissioner of Deeds for Colorado Territory, in the State of New York has been received and the appointment made.

Our law requires as follows "Before any such Commissioner shall proceed to discharge any of the duties of of his said appointment, he shall take and subscribe an oath before some officer authorized to administer oaths, in the State or Territory for which he is appointed that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his said appointment, which oath together with an impression in wax of his seal of office, shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of this Territory"

Upon sending your oath of office and an impression in wax of your seal - as the law requires - your commission will be forwarded to you.

The fee is five dollars.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Sam. D. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 11th, 1862.

To the Hon. T. L. Turner
Judge Advocate of the United States.

Sir:

Sometime since having learned that the secessionists in the mountainous parts of our Territory were becoming boisterous and noisy, and rendering themselves very offensive to our citizens by giving utterance to the assorable sentiments, I issued the following order based upon the Proclamation of the President of Sep 24th 1862,

"Executive Department C. T.
Denver Oct 2d 1862.

To Recruiting officers of the 1st, 2d & 3d
Regt, Col. Vols

I understand that certain persons, inimical to the Government, are in the habit of manifesting their treasonable sentiments, by hurraing for Jeff. Davis, the Southern Confederacy, and other demonstrations of a treasonable character.

You will arest all such persons, when found making such demonstrations, and send them under guard to Camp Weld, Colorado Territory.

In making such arests, you will exercise due discretion and judgment, as the order is intended to apply only to such as are noisy, and not to such as are pursuing quietly their usual avocations.

Respectfully
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Under this order Capt Smith of the 2d Reg. Col. Vols, has arested one H. J. Norwood and J. Kiernan, preferring charges against them, copies of which are herein Enclosed.

I have ordered the said prisoners into the custody of the U. S. Marshal of the Territory, and now have them confined in jail.

I have had a talk with the prisoners and they seem penitent and disposed to depot themselves as good citizens if released.

The effect of the arest has been salutary in the highest degree, and I think will prevent any further trouble.

In view of the circumstances I would recomend that they be released on taking the oath of allegiance, & await your orders in the premises.

Respectfully
Your ~~Obdt~~ servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Oct 20th 1862.

Drs. J. M. Clark
& Fleming and
D. King

Gentlemen:

You are hereby requested to meet and organize at some early day, for the purpose of examining applicants for the positions of Surgeon and assistant Surgeons for the third Regiment Colorado Volunteers.

Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Sam. H. Elbert
Secretary and Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Secretary's Office Colorado Territory.
Denver Oct 31st 1862.

Maj Genl Curtis
Commanding Dept of
Missouri

Genl.

On the 11th day of October J. M. Leavenworth, Col. of 2d Regiment Col. Volunteers issued an order, a copy of which is herein enclosed- by which he assumed command of the 3d Regiment of Colorado Volunteers now being raised in our Territory, and directed Major Ford to take command both of the recruits and the recruiting service for said Regiment. Believing that it would materially interfere with, if not entirely destroy, the organization of the 3d Regiment. I addressed a letter to Major Ford, a copy of which is herein Enclosed, declining to place the recruits for the 3d Regiment subject to his command, basing my right to exclusive control of the matter, on order from the War Department No. 75.

My reasons for my actions in the premises were.
1st I could see no good reason for taking control of the recruiting service out of the hands of the Governor, and placing it in the hands of Col. Leavenworth.
2d There were rumors afloat and a general impression

in our Territory, to the effect, that Col Leavenworth was attempting to have the recruits of the 3d Regiment turned over to him. for the purpose of filling up his own Regiment which yet wants some hundred & more men. Had I consented to his order this impression would have been confirmed and I could not have recruited another man as it is, both regiments will fill up in a short time.

The order from Genl. Blunt under which Col Leavenworth assumes to act - a copy of which I send you, - was based upon the supposition that Genl Craig was in need of men for immediate service, in anticipation of Indian difficulties. The necessity if it ever existed, had passed and there was no demand for troops for any service, or I should have most cheerfully put them subject to his control.

I write you this statement understanding that the subject had been referred to you for your decision. In my action I had but one object in view, to wit: the good of the Regiment, and believing the Colonel to be hostile to its organization, I could not do otherwise than decline putting them subject to his control. I have no doubt but what Gov. Evans will endorse my course. He will be at home in a few days, and I shall ask him to write you on the subject.

As soon as the Regiment is organized and mustered - which I think will be during the next month - We shall be most happy to place them subject to Col. Leavenworth or any other commander, as ordered

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam H. Elbert
Secretary & Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 3d 1862.

Genl James Ripley
Chief of Ordnance Bureau
Washington D.C.

Genl:

I have the honor to enclose copy of dispatches received by me from Brig. Genl Craig. In view of the urgency of the request of Genl Craig, as well as the good of the service, instead of raising one hundred mounted men for three months service, in accordance with the authority of the War Department to Genl Craig, I ordered one hundred of the 2d Regiment, Colorado Volunteers, (Infantry) mounted. which action has since as I learn from Gov. Evans been approved by the War Department, and the Entire Regiment ordered mounted, at the discretion of the Governor.

The necessities of the case were such as to permit of no delay, hence, the ordinary method of procuring horse Equipments, could not be complied with. From Genl Craigs dispatches, I inferred that there was an immediate and urgent necessity for the troops. The equipments were in the City at the time and were procured and handed over to the 2d Regiment of Colorado Volunteers.

To have mounted a hundred men for three months service, in accordance with the authority from the War Department, would have been attended with greater expense, without any permanent service. Hence my order to mount men of the 2d Regiment.

I hope the account of Mr Rowlan may be settled.

With great respect
I remain Genl,
Your obdt servt
Geo. A. Elbert
Secretary & Acting Governor of
Colorado Territory

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Nov 18th 1862.

To Genl. Wm Larimer
Recruiting Commissioner &c.

Sir:

In pursuance of instructions from Genl James H. Lane, Recruiting Commissioner &c, a copy of which is enclosed, this Department hereby assumes control of all business connected with the recruiting and organizing of the 3d Regiment of Colorado Volunteers

Your Recruiting commission as 2nd Lieutenant issuing from this Department is hereby recalled, and you are honorably discharged the recruiting service of the United States.

We desire in parting with you, to express our thanks for the energy, ability, and economy you have displayed in recruiting.

Respectfully
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory.

Denver Nov 18th 1862.

Lieut Maulsby.
Recruiting officer &c.

Sir:

Your note of this date is before me to which I answer,

1st. There is now no probability that the recruits of the 3d Regt. will be mustered into the 2nd. Regiment of Colorado Volunteers,

2nd. In all my arrangements with them I have definitely understood, by the Secretary of War, Maj Genl. Curtis commanding this Department; and Col. Chivington commanding this District (the only authorities that could interfere) that the 3d Regt was to march for the seat of War, as soon as organized. and I have every assurance and full confidence that this understanding will be faithfully carried out.

I am very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
John Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Denver Nov 19th 1862

Hon Wm H Seward
Secretary of State

Sir:

I have pleasure in recomending that the leave of absence from this Territory for the Winter asked for by Hon. S. H Elbert, Secretary, be granted him.

The ability and faithfulness with which he has discharged his duties, and the probability of the service not requiring his attention for the period indicated, seem to me to entitle him to this privilege

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Chicago Ill. Oct 17th 1862

Hon Wm. H. Seward

Dear Sir.

The collection of statistics proposed by you for use abroad might be made by private effort, but an official request for them, would add to my facilities for procuring them, even at private expense,

If I can find any way of defraying the expenses of such a collection, it shall be of the most thorough character and otherwise, the best the means will justify

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your obdt servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Chicago Oct. 17th 1862.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury

Dear Sir.

I was sorry your indisposition prevented me from seeing you when at Washington.

The President remarked to me, as I was leaving his room the other day, that the Country was looking with much interest to our mines as a source of aid in bearing the expenses of the War.

It occurred to me that you might be interested in a collection of statistics showing the mining resources of Colorado Territory. If you could use such information to any advantage and request it, I will try and collect some that shall be reliable, for your use.

Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Chicago Sept 11th 1862

Hon E. M. Stanton
Sec of War

Sir;

The recent order creating the Department of the "North West," I observe places the Overland Mail Line, and our route of communication to Colorado now threatened with Indian obstruction partly in the new Department, and partly in that of Kansas.

I would call your attention to the difficulty of securing a proper protection to the route up the Platte river, with a section of it in the middle commanded from the remote Headquarters at St. Pauls.

Supplies for the Winter, subsistence of about 24,000 people must pass over this route this Fall, to Colorado, or the people will be subject to the horrors of starvation in addition to those of an impending Indian War.

I hope that part of the Territory of Nebraska South of the Platte River, and West of the East line of Colorado, will be restored to the Department of Kansas, that [redacted] fences of the Overland Mail Route, and the route [redacted] transportation to Colorado across the plains may [redacted]

under a united head, with unity of direction.

I have the honor to be

Very Respectfully

Your obdt Servt

Jno Evans

Governor of Colorado Territory

Chicago Sept. 17th 1862

Hon Wm. D. Gallagher.

Dear Sir.

Yours from St Louis is received. Messrs Laflin Smith & Co called yesterday saying they had one car load about ten tons of powder, by your order arrested at St Jo. Mo. on its way to Denver, via Omaha. They say they will want to ship another car load soon to meet the Winter demands. I gave Mr Tuck who is a partner and lives at Denver, Col. Ter. a letter asking the Officer to pass for him what blasting powder he might want to send forward to supply our miners. But the report of 100 tons sounds so large, that I should myself wish to get further information on the subject before sending it all forwards. We use a large quantity of powder, and our people would be ruined without a supply. Yet I am not able to give the amount of a six months supply, which must be sent forwards now, or they will suffer before teams can cross the plains in the Spring— Last Spring our mines were almost entirely ~~out~~ suspended for months for want of a supply which was caused (the dealers say by the Government restrictions). I trust a free market will be given now, as a limited supply will result in oppressive prices to the miners.

There can be but little danger of capture by the Enemy on the route to Denver via Nebraska City or Omaha. Dealers might also be held responsible by being required to account for the amount passed at St. Jo.

What they want of any considerable amount of powder at Santa Fe. I cannot say,

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully

Your obdt Servt

Jno Evans

Gov. Col. Territory

Chicago Sept 25th 1862.

Maj Genl. Curtis
Comdg

Dear Sir:

I see by the papers you are commanding Dept of Mo., Kansas &c.

I am not certain if your Department includes Colorado Territory. If it does I desire to lay before you some matters of importance before action is taken in relation thereto.

Will you answer this that I may know when to communicate. I desire a pass for Mess. Dubois, Austin & Company authorizing them to ship 125 Kegs of powder for their own use in the mines, from this place via St Jo. & Nebraska City, and thence by their own teams I will vouch for their loyalty and correctness

I am Very Respectfully
Your obdt Servant
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Chicago Ills. Sept 22d 1862.

Hon E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Sir:

By authority to recruit in the Department of Kansas given Genl. J. H. Lane, and the urgent appeal of Genl. Blunt commanding I have commenced recruiting the 3d Colorado Regiment of Volunteers, for service in the States, and by direction of Genl Lane, order N° 75 of the War Department is to govern the Officering and general arrangements of raising said Regiment— By Genl. Lane's direction therefore, I have had the control conceded to Governors of States by said order No 75. but hear of outside parties having made application to the War Department for the appointment of a person to command said Regiment, independent of my recommendation, To avoid confusion hereafter I wish to enquire whether the War Department desires to control the appointments of Colonel or other of the officers of said Regiment, or, shall my appointments be good.

An answer will find me addressed to Chicago Ills.

I have the honor to be very Respectfully, Your obdt servt
Jno Evans Gov Col T

Executive Department Col. Terry
Denver Nov. 22nd 1862.

Hon. H. A. Johnson
Central City

Sir:

Yours is received. My authority in the premises is about as follows: I have ordered that recruiting for other than our own regiments in Colorado, be discontinued in the Territory. This order was made last June, and is still in force.

If Capt Hall is recruiting for the 2nd. Regt. I have no control of him or his recruits, as Col Leavenworth has the entire direction of recruiting for his own Regiment by order of the Secretary of War.

If they are recruits without any special assignment, I shall order them mustered into the 3d. Regiment.

I have the honor to be
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. Ter.

Denver Nov 24th 1862.

Capt Colley Agent &c,

I have just got a dispatch from Lieut. Dole directing me to prepare for Agents Head & Colley to visit Washington with small deputations of Utes, Comanches, Kiowas & Apaches.

It will be desirable that these tribes select the chiefs to represent them if possible, at all events the most influential of each tribe should go.

I shall get instructions by mail, when further directions will be given

Very Respectfully Yours
Jno Evans
Gov. Col. T. &
Ex. Off. Supt Ind. Affs.

Secretary's Office, Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 1st 1862.

Hon. Elisha Whittlesey
First Comptroller
Treasury Dept

Sir

I send you by to-days mail Vouchers, account current &c. of Expenditures in my Office from June 1st to Dec 1st 1862. and hope that they may be found correct and satisfactory.

Unless there should be some unexpected and unusual expense, I shall save the Government $5.000 of the appropriation for this year

With great respect
Your obdt servt
Sam'l Elbert
Secretary of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 10th 1862

Hon E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Sir:

We have a considerable part of the 2d Regt. Col. Vols. ready to be mustered into the service and hope soon to have it filled to the minimum number. It will greatly facilitate our operations if you will authorize Colonel Chivington Commander of this District to muster them in as fast as the Companies are full. This will seem to be proper as Capt. Alley being paroled has some doubts as to the propriety of his mustering them.

I hope you will also send an order to Capt Alley directing him to pay the expenses of recruiting said Regt. out of the funds which you sent for the purpose when I was in Washington. Capt Alley awaits such orders before paying any of the bills.

I have the honor to be
Your obdt servt
Jno Evans
Gov. Col.

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 15th 1862.

Hon. E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Dear Sir:

I enclose papers showing as I told you in person, that the raising of the 8th Regt Colorado Vols. was regularly inaugurated.

First:- By order of Genl Lane Recruiting Commissioner for Department of Kansas, which then included Colorado Territory.

Secnd:- By the entire charge of the matter having been placed in my hands.

The regiment is now filling up rapidly under the stimulus of a bounty offered from a fund raised by the liberality of our citizens.

I will send a large part, or all of the Regiment into the field, as soon as orders are received for mustering them into the service.

It is but justice to the officers and men of this Regiment to say, that no soldiers in the service can be more implicitly relied upon for endurance and courage. From the dangers and hardships of a wild frontier life they will bring intrepidity and strength, upon which Our Country may confidently rely.

They are to go immediately to the seat of war.

I have the honor to be
Your Obdt Servant
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory

Ex. Dept. Col. Ter.
Denver Dec. 15th 1862.

Col. J. M. Ford
3d Regt. Col. Vols.

Sir:

Upon the recommendation of the Recruiting Lieut. of each company in your Regiment for the appointment of Lieutenants. You will please make proper examination as to the qualifications of each applicant and report the result to me on or before the time said company shall be full and ready for muster into the service of the United States.

I am respectfully
Your obt. Servt
Jno. Evans
Gov. Col Ter.

Executive Department, Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 16th 1862.

Hon E. M. Stanton
Secretary of War.

Dear Sir;

I am authorized by Col J. M. Leavenworth to tender you the services of the 2d Regt. Colorado Vol's. for the seat of war, raised by him under a special commission to recruit the same.

As the 1st Cavalry of Colorado are ample for the protection of our settlements, it affords me pleasure to be able to thus offer you the aid of men, whose courage and endurance can be implicitly relied upon for the defense of their Country.

I learn that Genl. Carleton is now expecting a second invasion of New Mexico where these troops may be needed.

I have the honor to be
Your obt Servt
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Dec 17th 1862.

Hon E.M. Stanton
Secretary of War &
Maj Genl Halleck, Comd'g in Chief.

I regard it as of the utmost importance to the peace of that part of our Territory where Fort Garland is situated, that it should be, and remain in this Military District.

About 10,000 of the Indians under my Superintendency, rally near this Post, for the protection and quiet of whom, and the settlers near the Post, it is alone worth being kept up.

There is no relation to any other interest in the Country connected with this Post, of such vital importance, as that with these Indians

It seems to me strange that any ~~Department~~ ~~proposes to place the~~ Command of a Post in this Territory, which is maintained alone for the control of Indians under my care, and for the protection of citizens of Colorado Territory, under the command of a Department so inconvenient, and without community of interest, as that of New Mexico.

The only reason this Post ever was in the Dept. of New Mexico, I suppose to have been, that it once was within the bounds of that Territory.

Will you be good enough to issue an order that will settle this question,

I have the honor to be,
Your obdt Servt. — Jno Evans —
Gov. Colt. Ter. & Ex. Officio Supt.
Indian Affairs

Executive Dept. Col Ter
Denver Jan 7th 1863

J. L. Smith
1st Aud. Treasury Dept,

Sir;

In response to your request for an account of the "contingent expenses of Colorado Territory" I transmit the enclosed, which I trust will prove satisfactory.

I have the honor to be,
Your obt Servt
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory

Executive Department, Col. Ter'y.
Denver Jan. 13th 1863.

Maj' Genl S. R. Curtis,
Com'dg Dept. Mo, St Louis,

Sir:

Col. Chivington requests me to make a statement to you and give my views in regards to the questions he asked as to what he should do about a supply of corn for the horses of the 1st Cavalry,

There is plenty of corn in the country, but the bulk of it has been monopolized by a combination of capitalists and a high price is asked. The price asked by them is, as you see in the bids, $ 5.50 to $ 6.38 per bushel.

The price on the streets is now, and has been heretofore about $ 4.00 per bushel. Or 40,000 bu. this would make a shave of from 60 M. to 100, thousand dollars,

The Colonel has raised the question of sending the troops to the seat of war, and thus obviating the necessity for so much forage, which would at once bring the price down.

I have already tendered the 2nd Regt to the Secy of War. It is at Fort Lyon awaiting orders. The 3d will soon, or at least a part of it, be ready to move under command of Lieut. Col. S. S. Curtis,

And since the subsidence of the alarm about Indians, and the organization of several good volunteer Militia Companies, I am confident that we can get along with 3 Mounted Companies and one of Infantry.

These troops 9 Cos of Cavalry, 2nd & 3d Regts, are

the Wisconsin battery, would form a brigade of as much power in proportion to their numbers as any to be found in the service.

If Maj Downing could be put in command of the District, which would have only 4 or 5 companies of troops in it, Col. Chivington with his brigade might speedily be on their way to meet the foe in the field of battle. Though not full in numbers I will guarantee that his brigade would do a full brigades work wherever you may put them. And with Maj Downing and my militia organization I will undertake to keep all our enemies at home, both white and red, as quiet as the whole force can make them.

I should have proposed to get along with fewer troops, two or three weeks ago, but for a report from Genl. Carleton that Texans were threatening to invade New Mexico. It may be possible such an invasion is coming, yet few seem to fear it now. I hope that the 3 companies of our troops yet detained in New Mexico, notwithstanding Genl. Halleck's order peremptory order for them to be sent into Colorado, will soon come up, in which case I may send to your brigade reinforcements from the troops left behind on their departure. Will you request him to send them?

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno Evans.
Governor Col. Ter.

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Denver Jan 13th 1866.

Brig. Genl. Carleton
Com'dg Dept, New Mexico

Sir;

Finding the rumors about the invasion of New Mexico to have subsided and the threatened Indian difficulties in this Territory to have assumed no shape, I have informed the Commander of this Department of the fact that we could take care of all our domestic enemies with a small part of the force now here.

In doing this I have taken occasion to mention your dispatches and the general rumor of invasion as a reason for not having sent him word that our troops might be spared sooner.

I have mentioned that there might be a possibility of the invasion still coming from Texas as a suggestion to Genl. Curtis that he might use his discretion in reference to the matter.

I have also desired that our troops, now separated into detachments, might be got together agreeably to orders from Genl. Halleck and asked his aid in this matter.

I write you this for your information, as it may be that Genl. Curtis will order our troops into the field, in some place where they will be of more service and cost the Government less than here, and in such case they would not be here for you to rely upon in case of invasion.

I have the honor to be
Your Obt Servt
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Colorado Territory
Denver Jany 30. 1863.

Brig Genl Carleton
Comdg Dept. New Mexico

Dear Sir:

I enclose you copies of correspondence with the War Department for your information.

When in Washington last Autumn I procured the placing of this Territory in the Dept. of the Missouri, including Fort Garland that my control of the Indians might be more complete.

Since your refusal to acknowledge the force of the order as shown by the action of the Commander of Fort Garland, I have had abundant reason to be convinced that my position was correct.

The disturbances among our own citizens in the San Louis valley require that we have the means of protecting the citizens and of enforcing our laws at an accessible point. Further, your regulations at Fort Garland have interfered with our civil officers in the discharge of their duty, Maj Head has been arrested and detained (a short time it is true) on his way to report to me under my instructions. The facts of which arrest have been abundantly certified to, and placed on file in this Department.

Hoping you will see the propriety of my course, I remain very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt
Jno Evans
Governor of Colorado Territory

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Denver Feb. 5th 1863

Maj Genl Curtis
Comdg Dept. Mo.

Sir:

On the 12th of January I had the honor of addressing you the letter of which I now Enclose a copy.

The superior character of our troops and the great expense of keeping them here, make it surprising to all that we should not have had them accepted at once.

I now enclose a coresspondence with the parties in the interest of the contractors and others on the subject— My answer has given very nearly universal satisfaction

The soldiers are anxiously awaiting marching orders.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Jno. Evans
Gov, C.T.

Executive Department C. T.
Denver Feb. 6th 1863

Hon E.M. Stanton

Dear Sir;

Enclosed I send you copy of letter to the Maj. Genl. Comdg this Department.

I should have sent you a copy of the same sooner but that I was expecting an answer by telegraph to enclose with it, which however, has not yet arrived

I also send you a copy of my answer to a memorial addressed me by some of our citizens on the subject of detaining the troops here.

You will fully understand the merits of the case from these papers.

I have the honor to be,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servt
Jno. Evans
Governor Colorado Territory

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Denver Feb. 9th 1863.

Hon E. M. Stanton

Dear Sir:

I respectfully refer the enclosed letter, I presume the question involved has been settled long ago but the decision is not at present accessible to me.

Will you be pleased to inform me what the proper answer to this question is.

"If a recruiting officer secures the signature of a person to the enlistment roll with a mutual understanding that it is to be discretionary with the recruit for ten days to enlist or not, and at the end of this time he declines, is he held by his signature?"

An answer to the question at an early day will oblige

Your obt. Servt
Jno. Evans.
Governor Colorado Territory.

Executive Department Col. Ter.
Denver Feb. 14th 1863.

Hon. John J. Cisco
Asst Treasurer U.S.
N.Y.

Dear Sir:

On the 22d of October I was informed by Comr Dole that $ 2.500 dollars had been placed in your hands subject to my order, but not receiving notice from you, I have not attempted to draw.

If all rights please inform me by return mail.

I am very respectfully
Your obt Servt
Jno Evans
Gov. C. T. & Ex. officio
Supt Indian affairs.

Executive Department
Colorado Territory
Denver Mch 23rd

Gen. J. M. Chivington
Comdg. Dist. Colorado.

Dear Sir.

I have information of the presence of Guerilla Bands on the Arkansas River near Cannon City pilfering and robbing citizens; and also of a collection of desperate characters who prowl around the settlements on the Huerfano and Purgatoire Rivers.

Will you send a sufficient force of troops to each of these settlements to preserve the peace and aid in the proper enforcement of the laws should resistance to process occur, and thus serve your Country

Very respectfully
Your Obt. Servt.
John Evans
Gov. Colo. Ter.